As you say. Colonel, here it is charming;

("Sweet angel, I bey for a waltz!")

Your flattery's really a arming;

I am sure that you know it is false.

But I'll whirl with you round for a minute,

Just to prove how you acred in your haste,

A walt is guite nice; when you're in the

Don't note quite so light on my waist.

A walk is quite nice when you re in the Don't hold quite so light our my waist.

"Dear Husband, I'm penning this letter In londiness here at the Springs;
Every day makes me deeper your debtor For the kind words the previous mail brings. But oh! what a void fills my besom-You there, and I here all alone; No friends, if I e'en wished to choose 'em-You chained to your desk like a drone."

THE HUSBAND.

Here, Charley! help fill in pt his basket;
Put in the champagne and the ise;
Never mind if you should overtask it—
Fill it up with this brio-a-brac nice.
Those Dutch girls will soon make it lighter After the dance and the swings.

Throw in these cigars. Strap it tighter, While I write a line to the Springs.

While I write a line to the Springs.

(Writes)

Slowly the shadows are falling,
Alike on my desk and my life;
The plaint of a famished love, calling
For-you, my sweet treasure—my wife;
I sit here so wearlly thinking,
And wishing my penance were o'er,
And dreaming our love is a-linking
My heart with your heart evermore!"

CURIOUS AND SCIENTIFIC.

Race is now coming into use for brewing purposes. The beer produced from it is said to be superior in color and

Ar Middletown, Delaware, an immense peach refrigerator is to be built, ca-pable of holding 200,000 baskets of fruit, which the projector guarantees to keep by a peculiar freezing process for

In one of the French departments there is a "society for the protection of birds useful to the farmer." All nests found are reported to the society and protected by it. In the past year the society protected 214 nests, from which came 904 birds.

THERE are two million bee-hives in the United States. Every hive yields, on an average, a little over twenty pounds of honey. The average price at which honey is sold is 25 cents a pound. So that, after paying their own board, our bees present us with a revenue of over \$8,800,000.

Ir is stated now that the secret force which the Keely motor operates by is nothing more nor less than carbonic The water is enormously charged with it, and then it is liberated, by a simple process, in such quantities and strength as the operator may desire. So that, after all, the basis of the whole business is nothing but tremendeusly strong soda-water.

An old lady in New York particularly desired that a certain cushion on which desired that a certain cushion on which she sat in church should be buried with her, and as there was a difficulty about getting it into her coffin it was luckily proposed to cut it, when several thousand dollars in greenbacks came to light. The old lady was clearly resolved that, if she did bring nothing into the world, she would at all events, as far as possible, take something out of it.

Gens and rifles may easily be cleaned from lead by the following: If a muzzle-loader, stop up the nipple or communication hole with a little wax, or if a breech-loader insert a cork in the breech rather tightly part news page quickrather tightly; next pour some quick-silver into the barrel, and put another cork in the muzzle, then proceed to roll it up and down the barrel, shaking it about for a few minutes. The mercury and lead will form and amalgam, and leave the barrel as clean and free from lead as the first day it came out of the shop. The same quicksilver can be used repeatedly by straining it through wash leather; for the lead will be left behind in the leather, and the quick-silver will be again fit for use.

THE French utilize chicken feathers in the following way, which is pro-nounced a decided improvement on the old method: The plume portion of the feathers are cut from the stem by means of ordinary hand scissors. These are placed in quantities in a course bag, which, when full, is closed and subjected to a thorough kneading with the hands. At the end of five minutes the feathers disaggregated are felted together, forming a down almost homogeneous and of great lightness. It is said to be lighter than natural eider down, because the latter contains the ribs of the feathers, which gives extra weight. About one and aix-tenths troy of the great on he obtained from one nullet. hands. At the end of five minutes the odlaces can be obtained from one pullet, and it sells in Paris for about two dof-

lars a pound! A FARMER boy in Ohio, observing a small flock of quall in his father's cornfield, resolved to watch their motions. They pursued a very regular course in their foraging, commencing on one side of the field, taking about five rows, and following them uniformly to the oppoover the next five rows. They continued in this course until they had explored the greater portion of the field. The lad suspicious that they were pulling up the corn, fired into the flock, killing but one of them, and he proceeded to examine the ground; In the whole space over which they had traveled, he found but one stalk of corn diseled, he found but one stalk of corn dis-turbed. This was nearly scratched out of the ground, but the ground still ad-leaved to it. In the craw of the quail he found one out worm, twenty one striped vine bugs, and one hundred chinch-bugs, but now a single grain of corn.

The Land of Horse. eled, he found but one stalk of corn dis-

A correspondent writes: The moment you enter the famous Bine Grass region you hear nothing but horse talk. The whole section lives upon pedigrees, The whole section lives upon pedigrees, The stable boys banter pedigrees in a nomenclature of their own. The men utter pedigrees with a volubility like the flowing of a never ending stream. Even the ladies of polite society will appear to the state of the section of the secti Even the ladies of politic society will oliatter pedigrees, and talk as fluently of sire and dam as if they had received their accomplishments in the precincts of the breeding portions of the stock-tarms; Everywhere it is horse mare, filly tool, selding. The stables are averaging with them, the streets are averaging with them, the fileds are dotted with them lake the cettle on a thousand hills, and the visitors, even though he came many so, see, has a scoretiveness and obstinaty more profound than the mysteries of the Spirinx, if he does not buy, before he comes away, some little

earthly use. There is a certain free masonry or brotherly love among the horse-dealers of Kentucky. If one breeder has nothing in the horse line to answer your demands, he will furnish you with a saddle horse and accompany you for miles around the neighborhood to inspect stock which he is sure will just suit your fancy. Their houses are thrown open to your entertainment. The rarest wine of corn and the freshest of mint, and the richest of Alderney cream and the tenderest of spring chickens are offered, with a princely generosity, to feed the flame of you horse fever, which must not be allayed till you have left your money behind you on some of the stock farms. That is the logic of all the attentions and pedigrees and horse enthusiasm, and it is wonderful how the interest is kept up year after year, and how the surplus funds of our wealthy horse fanciers are poured, with an increasing volume, into the coffers of the stock-raisers of the Blue Grass regions.

Stewart's Saratoga Investments.

A correspondent writes from Sara toga to the Philadelphia Times: A. T. Stewart is just now our biggest lion and a great sensation he is creating here just at present among the local merchants. You see, after spending \$400,000 on his big hotel, the Grand Union, he found that he had two ele-gant stores to let. With characteristic nterprise he fitted them up in elegant style, and is moving in a stock of goods. Now the storekeepers here, notwith-standing that this very day should re-mind them that ours is a free country, leclare that A. T. S. has no business to come here to undersell them and rule their trade, but the big merchant does not see the thing in that light, and laughs at the terribly exercised mer-chants. Stewart is indeed a remarkable man. He is a little, thin, wiry fellow, with a pale, thoughtful face, light blue, reflective eyes, reddish, gray short whiskers, and very quiet in men-ner. He dresses in black, and goes peering into every nook and corner of the store in a way that makes his employes very nervous. When talking he ployes very nervous. When talking he invariably twiris his eyeglass on his finger or pats the palm of his hand with a black glove. When you speak to him he leoks at you searchingly for a moment before he replies, as if to read you through, a habit that arises from his wonderful faculty of reading hymon patros. He is not so serious human nature. He is not so serious as he has been painted; on the con-trary, he is fond of a joke, and yesterday, while superintending the arranging of the goods in his store, he frequently laughed at the ideas presented by his managing man. He came up on Friday night and passed the entire day in his atore. Indeed, I saw him there as late as helf peet eleven eleven eleven eleven a late. as half past eleves o'clock at night. That is how he got rich, by attending to his business in person. Stewart bought the Union a few years ago for \$550,600. Since then he has spent as much more upon the structure in enlargements and improvements and improvements. much more upon the structure in enlargements and improvements, until now it is the most extensive and perfect caravansary in the world. He and his wife occupy a suite of three rooms in the hotel directly over the main entrance. They have been finely but not lavishly fitted up for him, each window being provided with a little balcony, nicely shaded by the fine old trees that extend along the entire front of the hotel. Mrs. Stewart is a mild of the hotel. Mrs. Stewart is a mild, unpretentious lady, with an exceedingly amiable countenance, and converses cor-dially with her friends. They are, in fact, the most undemonstrative couple here and one would hardly imagine, to judge from their manner, that they were, with one or two exceptions, the wealthiest people in America. Mr. Stewart says he intends expending a further large sum on the improvement and enlargement of the Union next winter. It is one of his pet projects, and he proposes giving it corresponding attention.

Fish Culture in Tennessee.

The cultivation of shad and salmon in our rivers is an experiment. If it succeeds it will be a great benefit to our people, but whether it succeeds or fails, we know that bass and jack will flourish in our waters, and an effort should be made to obtain a legislative apporpriation for their propagation. Nothing can be done in this direction, however, until the professional fishermen who depend upon what they catch for their subsistence, learn that all game laws which prevent the extermination of game fish are in their own interest; and that instead of trying to evade, it will pay them better to prose-cute every violation. For instance, just after the war, all the creeks and rivers, were swarming with bass, or trout, and jack, and the fishermen sold them readily at fifteen and twenty cents per pound. A few fishermen placed gill nets at the mouths of the oreeks and the consequence is that scarcely any bass or jack have been brought to the market here this year. Nothing is seen but catfish and drum which find a slow sale, at eight cents per pound.

Thus the fishermen can see that the graed of a few who own gill nets, have cut off their profits on fishing nearly one half.

These appropriations for stocking rivers with fish, and the game laws to prevent catching fish during the spring season, or exterminating them by gill nets, are not for the benefit of angiers, or sportsmen only, but for the good of the entire community and especially for the professional fishermen. All that is neccessary for success is to convince the fishermen of this fact, which their own experience in this country has already done, and they will be clamorous for the enactment of game

laws and energetic in seeing to their enforcement.—Chattanooga Times, —The modern school girl must have queer ideas. In a conversation with a New York reporter at a Vassar hop, one of them querried, "Are you single?" an affirmative answer being given. Then she asked thoughtfully "Do editors ever get rich?" The "pencil heaver" again replied in the affirmative, and instanced several leading journalists, and them added, "I leave for New York to morrow and it will take me three days morrow, and it will take me three days buy, before he comes away, some little quine specimen for which he has no to pay my taxes and cut the coupons off my bonds!" "Is it possible!" replied the miss, "and you so young, too."

INDIA RUBBER SPIRITS.

Mrs. Jennie Holmes, the materializ-ing medium of Philadelphia, has re-cently resumed operations in Brooklyn,

The Sudde a Departure of Miss Kate King from Brooklyn Society.

and the last issue of the Spiritualist Banner of Light contains an account of her devious and wicked ways, as observed by the Brooklyn society of spiritualists. A committee of the society spends six evenings at her seances, furnishing her with the necessary cabinet, at the society's hall, on Fulton avenue. The "conditions" were simply a muslin bag, loosely stitched together, which the medium drew around her, and its mouth was tied over her Then she was seated in the cabinet, and put out the arm of John King through a hole in the door. Then she put out his other arm, and then his india-rubber face, with its black whiskers, well known to Philadelphia fame. Then she put out Katie's face, being her own, namely; but no one found it out at the first seance. At the second seance two of Mrs. Holmes black curls hung down over Katie's face, and this "gave rise to the sus-picions." Therefore the bag was ex-amined, and was found to have trick seams which opened and closed by pulling a thread. It was suggested to Mrs. Holmes at the third seance that it would be well if the lady present could hold her hands while the manifestations went on. Another lady offered to pin her to the floor carpet to see if Katie would walk forth materialized under those conditions. Mrs. Holmes declined to afford these aids to awakened thought. An extremely skeptical gentlem: n observed that John King did not walk forth, and that his indiarubber face had no breath in its nos-trils, while lovely Katie on the other hand. always came forth in a white muslin bag, and had a warm human breath. At the sixth seance, therefore, Mrs. Holmes was sought to be searched by a committee of ladies desirous of discovering spirit-faces concealed about her person. But to that she demurred, and being disencumbered of her muslin bag for the last time, became suddenly faint and must have air. Therefore she tottered from the room very sick but the fresh air immediately beyond the door so revived her that she ran away like the wind, and never was heard of in that place again. "Where-fore," concludes the committee in its report, "we think she was a fraud"-or words to that effect.

Von Moltke on West Point.

I am asked why neither side in the civil war in America produced a very distinguished general. Even their re-spective partisans hardly claim any eader of transcendent genius. In so long a war, and where so many men fought, does it not imply a lack of military talent in the Americans? I answer, no. The true reason was because their field of selection was so limited. No officer could hope to attain the supreme command of their armies unless he had been a student at their military academy, called. West Point, on the Hudson river, the State of New York. The number of these students, deserving as they might be, was and is extremely limited.

The southerners adopted the same per-

nicious system of exclusiveness, as many of these West Point officers had joined their side, and their president and also been at the academy. perhaps, fortunate for the north that the south did not seek for talent among the mass of its people. It is said, I know not how truly, that the genius of a civilian, Ericsson, by the invention of a monitor, alone saved the northern navy from destruction.

It is evident that the chance of ob taining a distinguished general in-creases as the field of selection widens,

and diminishes as it contracts. In our army every soldier may aspire to the supreme command, but in the American armies the line of demarkation was drawn as deeply as between the former slaves and their masters. The volunteer who represented the great bulk and strength of the people might, indeed, attain distinction in a subordinate position, but the highest place of all was forbidden. In reading the records of the American civil war, it really appears as if the whole contest was between a few officers of West Point, and the mighty heart of the nation had never throbbed. This aris-tocratic system, which the Americans still follow, was formerly the practice in all European armies. In the revol-ution of 1793, Carnot, the French minister of war, first abandoned it, and we have followed.

For the sake of example, and not binding ourselves to any exactness of figures, except that the one is very small, and its opposite, with which it is compared, very large, let us suppose the number of West Point officers to be five hypotrad, and the number of Prusfive hundred, and the number of Prussian soldiers five hundred thousand. Evidently, as we have a fund a thou-sand larger to draw upon, to render the chances of obtaining a great general equal, each American must possess a thousand fold the talent of a Prussian, which is absurd.

A Desperate Duel With a Bowie-A Theores are knife.

A most frightful and fatal affray oc-curred at Eberhardt City on Saturday last, at about 5 o'clock P. M., between two men by the name of Jackson and Beek. The former was recently from Arizona, and the latter has been a resi-dent in Eberhardt City to dent in Eberhardt City for the past few months, engaged in keeping a saloon. The two had a quarrel some time before the fatal meeting, in which Jackson made an assault upon Beek with a knife, but was driven of by Beck with a fire-shovel. Some three or four hours after this Jackson returned to Beck's saloon, when he was overtaken by Jackson, who was pursuing his victim with a bloody and fleudish intent. Beck at this place called for protection, but before the astonished bystanders could render him to as an idiot.

assistance, the human flend had done his work; he had given poor Beck five fatal stabs. At this juncture, a party by the name of Brown, seeing what was going on, knocked Jackson off from the porch into the street with a chair, and while he was down, Beck, while actually dying, crawled to Jackson, and taking the knife which had been used upon him, he plunged it into Jackson's breast, giving him a fatal wound. Beek died almost immediately after being sepa-rated from Jackson, and the latter was brought to the county jail, where he lingered until Wednesday last, when death ended his career. No one hereabouts knows anything of the former career of Jackson; all that is known is his statement that he was from Arizona. Beck was considered a peaceable man, and leaves an invalid widow to mourn his untimely end.

The Sacrifice of Human Life. The sacrifice of human life during the past six months has been simply appalling, as will be shown by the statis-tics which we print below. In making up this record we have made use only of the great disasters which have been reported by telegraph. The minor casualties it is impossible to estimate. Epidemics have been the most severe destroyers of life, although neither the cholera nor the plague has ravaged any part of the world. In the Fiji Islands alone 50,000 people have perished by measels and other diseases introduced since the annexation of those islands to Great Britain. This unusual fatality from a comparatively innocuous disease the London Times explains upon the ground that the European nations have become hardened to it, and that it was destructive to these islanders because they were having it for the first time were not accustomed to this boon of British civilization. Earthquakes come second in the list of destroying elements, having killed over 20,000 people. We have no record of the loss of life by the recent earthquakes and accompanying volcanic disturbances in Iceland, but there have been four other earthquakes from which the loss of life has been given approximately as follows: In New Granada, 16,000; in Asia Minor, 2,000; in the Loyalty Islands where the earth-quake was accompanied by a terrible tidal-wave, 2,000; and at San Cristobal, Mexico, 70. A famine in Asia Minor during the early part of the year swept off 20,000 people before relief could reach the afflicted region. Floods come next in the disastrous catalogue, their ravages having been almost exclusively con-fined to Europe. The overflow of the Garonne in the southern part of Franco destroyed 3,000 lives, and that of the Danube in Pesth 600. While our own country was severely ravaged by floods during the spring, especially in the southwest and in Pennsylvania, their destruction was confined to property. We can find no evidence that more than six lives were lost by them, although many of them were very sudden and swept everything before them, being accompanied, as they were, with huge masses of ice. The marine disasters of the past six months have been peculiarly destructive of life. liarly destructive of life. Fifty-four vessels, nearly all of them steamers, have gone down, taking with them 1,303 persons, the most prominent of which are the following: The Schiller, off the Scilly Islands, 340; the Gottenberg, off the Australian coast, 166; the berg, off the Australian coast, 166; the Cadiz, 62; the Fu Sing, a Chinese steamer, 50; the American ship Violetta, 42; the Vielsburg, collision with icebergs, 40; the Thornabia, 29; the Cortes, 26; the George Batters, 21; the Bride, Berar, Berlin (Japanese), and the Alice, 20 each; and the Lochnager, 16. There have been other sovere disasters on the South American. Chinese, and English American, Chinese, and Euglish coasts which involved a serious loss of life, but it is impossible to estimate them, as the telegraph furnishes no record. The season has been unusually characterized by tornadoes and hurricanes, and of these there have been eighteen which have been accompanied by loss of life, as follows: In Hong Kong, 500; Georgia, 317; Chili, 60; Louisiana, 20; France, 11; Missouri, 6; Mississippi, 11; Arkansas, 5; Michigan, 3; Wisconsin, 3; Illinois, 3; South Carolina, 2, and Kansas, 1; total, South Carolina, 2, and Kansas, 1; total, 944. Thirty-five fires have been reported, by which 304 lives have been sacrificed. Only three of these have been accompanied by a heavy loss of life, being the burning of a match factory at Gottenberg, Sweden (50;) steamers at New Orleans (75); and the recent Holyoke (Mass.) church disaster (92). Explosions, mainly in this coun-(92). Explosions, mainly in this country, have killed 207 people, as follows: Fire-damp, 122; boilers, 48; gunpowder, 21; fire works, 9; nitro-glycerine, 4; chemicals, 3. The railroads, in this country at least, have not been so prolific in the destruction of life as usual. Although 47 disasters have been reported, but 43 people have been killed, the largest number in any single disaster being but 7. The list of injured, however, foots up 248. Last in the list come snow-slides, which have buried 56.

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Total 97,173 Large as these figures seem it must be remembered that they represent but a small percentage of the destruction of human life from other than natural causes. They are only the large disas, ters which have been deemed of suffi-cient interest to telegraph as items of public importance. They do not include the thousands of minor disasters constantly occurring all over the world, which would swell the aggregate far up this Jackson returned to be and while the latter was standing in and while the latter was standing in the doorway, Jackson plunged an eight inch bowie-knife to the hilt in Beck's taken off by suicide, murder, war and taken the world will be overcrowded with por-

-Dio Lewis is respectfully alluded

Southern and Northern Cotton Mills. The St. Louis Republican considers it a fact worth making a note of, that while nearly all the New England cotton while nearly all the New England cotton mills have been running on short time for nearly a year, and several of the largest of them have been compelled to suspend work entirely, the mills in the south have generally been running up to their full capacity all through the dull times, and still in full operation. It is true these southern mills are not declaring the 30 and 40 per cent, dividends they declared prior to 1873, but they are still making a profit and giving employment to their full complement of operatives. The fabrics made at the southern mills are in steady demand, southern mills are in steady demand while those of the New England mills are heaped up in unsold and unsalable stocks—the reason for the closing last week of the Atlantic mills at Lawrence, Mass., whereby 1,250 operatives are thrown out of employment, being that the company have a surplus of goods on hand which they cannot dispose of. In addition to this fact, it is stated that the Georgia, South Carolina and Tennessee goods are driving the northern goods of the same grade out of the market. They could not do this unless they are manufactured at less cost—and this is the secret of the whole difference between the condi ties of the mills in the two

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